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INSTRVCTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MVSTERS OF THE MEN OF VVARRE, IN HER MAIESTIES PAYE.

Practiſed in the Engliſhe Army, euer ſinſe the firſt of Febꝛuarij, Anno Sereniſs. Regina Elizabethæ. 27.

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ofmuſters, for the better diſcharge of their office. Practiſed in the Engliſhe army, euer ſince the firſt of Februarij, Anno Regni Sereniſs. Regina Elizabethæ. 27.

YOu ſhall geue notice vnto the Captaines of all Bandes vnder your chardge, that they maye nor chandge, receaue, and diſcharge ſouldiers at their ovvne pleaſures, but muſte bothe in receauinge and diſchardginge, preſente the ſouldiers to the Commiſſionners of Muſters reſident, that he maye geue the ſouldier his othe. And alſo that the trevve daye of his entrye, or diſcharge, maie be trulie entred accordinglie in your muſter Bookes: And that ſuche diſchardge, or alteration be donne, alſo by the conſent and lykinge of the Gouernour or chieſe Commander of the garriſon, or elſe ſuche nevve ſoldiers are not to be allovved in paye, but from, and after ſuche orderlie entrye and othe geuen as is aforeſaid: And after the ſouldiour is ſvvorne, and his name entred, yee ſhall deliuer a byllett of your hande to the Captaine to admytt him.

Yee muſte alſo geue notice vnto the Captains, That they preſent their ſouldiers armed, and fourniſſhed at the muſters accordinge to the qualytie of the vveapon, vvhere vvith they are enrolled, And that for euerie houndrethe ſouldiers they are to mainetaine at leaſte. 12. Muſkettiers, or elſe to be checqued in theire bands for deffects of Armour, alſo accordinge to the Ordinaunces by his Excellencie to the muſter-maiſter general deliuered.

Yee muſte allſo lett the Captains knovve, that yf anie of the Souldiers dye, ronne avvaye, or departe from his Enſeigne, vvithout lyſence of the chief commander of the garriſon, that he bringe good proofe of the daye of ſuche deathe or deperture of the ſouldier, that he maye accordinglie make trevve entraunce there of, or els he is to be checqued for his ſouldiers paye from the preſident muſter.

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Yee ſhall alſo admoniſhe the Captains, that their ſouldiers come Armed to theire vvatche, and vvarde, not vvantinge anie parte of their fourniture, and alſo doe devvlie obſerue theire dayes of exerciſe, and traynings accordinge to ſuche Ordinaunces as ſhalbe deliuered from his Excellencie, or the chiefe commander in theire garryſon vppon paine of ſuche checks, as by the Muſter-maſter generall ſhalbe ſett on them vppon your certyfficat at the nexte muſters accorcinge to ſuche ordinaunecs as alreadie are or here after ſhalbe eſtabliſhed by his Excellencie.

Yee are to admoniſhe the captains, that they ſuffer no ſouldier, or officer of theirs to departe ovvte of their garriſon, or place of chardge vvithoute devve lyſence, Foraſmuche as muſters here after ſhalbe taken on the ſoudaine the gates of the tovvne cloſed, and none abſente admitted paye, vvithoute lavvffull paſporte or lyſence.

Yf anie difference fallovvte betvvene the Captain, and his ſouldiers, aboute their paye by anie abuſe in the clercks of their bandes, or othervviſe, yee are plainelye, and trulie to deliuered a note vnto the ſouldier of the tyme of his entraunce, and paie devve vnto him for his contynuance. And yf the Captain by your mediation vvil not accordinglie contente the ſame, yee are to advertiſe to the ſame to ſuche ſuperior officers, as Iuſtice be donne accordinge to the ordinaunes by his Excellencie eſtabliſſhed in that behalf.

Yee are to admoniſhe the captains that in makinge their muſter bookes, they are to name their Corporalls aſvvell as their Officers, and theire Gentlemen allſo vvith euerie vveapon, Viz. Muſkettiers, Pykes, Halbards, and ſhott ſeuerally by them ſelues, becauſe her Maieſtie allovves dead payes for ſuche extraordinarie Officers, and chardges, And that for vnyformities ſake they place fyue names, onlye on euery ſyde of the leaues of their Bookes.

Yee are alſo euery ſouldier that ſhall dye, or paſſe a vvaie by paſport,

port, To make trevve en traunce in your Bookes of the daye of his deathe or departure,and deliuer the Captain or Clercke that ſhall bringe the paſporte, a byllett vnder your hande for teſtimonial there of in ſuche manner as is here after lymited.

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Yf anie bande by Patent be remoued from your garriſon to anie other,yee muſte ſende vvith the Captain, or chief Officer of that bande,a perfecte copie of your muſter Roll, vnt ill that daie, to be deliuered to the Commiſſarie reſident in the other garriſon. And lykevviſe vvhen anie nevve bande ſhalbe ſente into your garriſon,he muſte receaue a perfecte copie of their muſter Roll from the Commiſſarie of the other garriſon: And hauinge called them by name in preſence of the Captain, or other chiefe officer, yee maie ſett your hande to the Roll acknovvledginge the truthe there of, alſo vnder your hande,or Billett,as is here after lymyted for the purpoſe.

Yee ſhall alſo geue the Captains notice that they muſte keepe for euery houndre the ſouldiers. 4. Gentlemen, and 2. Corporalls at xij.ſ. the daie paye a peece at leaſte, beſies 12. Muſkettiers at x. ſ. the daie paye a peece, and xxxvj. armed Pykes in euery houndreth. And becauſe ordinarie ſhott haue novve x. guylders the moneth a peece,that vvere vvonte to haue but viij. His Exell. pleaſure is that one gilder a monethe of euery ſhott, ſhalbe beſtoovved on him in poulder to ſerue for his dayes of trayning and exerciſe, beſides his vvatche: And his Excellencies further pleaſure is, that theis Corporalls in euerie bande ſhalbe monethlie chandged, & nevve choſen by conſente of the companie, or greater nomber of them.

Item euery Captain preſentinge his ſouldiour to muſter, vvithoute his furniture compleate, ſhalbe checqued for euerie ſuche ſouldiour muſtered the ordinarie rate or price of ſuche vveapon or perte of his fourniture as he ſhall ſo vvante.

Yee ſhall euerie three monethes receaue from the Captains,

the muſter Bookes orderlie made accordinge to the precedents, deliuered vnto you expreſſinge the trevve daies of Entrie, and deperture of every particuler ſouldiour, the vvhiche yee muſte devvly examen aſvvell by your billetts, as by your other ſecreate meanes, and then ſett dovvne euerie perticuler ſouldiours devve, vppon the margin of his name caſtinge vppon eueric leaffe, and ſo the vvhole booke accordinge to your precedents, and theis Bookes finiſhed, and ſubſcribed bothe by your hande, and the clercke of the Bande, vpon othe to be ſente to the Muſter-maſter generall, to be thē examined by the ſeuerall muſters and conference of the Rolls, and warraunts after dewe comptrollement by him made, to be ſigned by the Lorde generall for full paie to a daie certaine.

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ceauinge, and diſcharginge of ſouldiers to be deliuered by the Commiſſioners of Muſters reſident vnto the Captaines.

To Captaine A. B. one of the Captaynes in her Maieſties *paye nowe reſident in the garriſon of C. D.*

THeis ſhal teſtiffie that C. D. hathe taken his othe, and is this x. of September 1587. admitted, and entred into your bande vvitnes my hande.

Theis ſhall teſtiffie that C. D. your ſouldiour beinge orderlie diſchardged this x. of Nouember, is accordingly entred into my muſter Bookes, vvytnes my hande.

Theis ſhalbe to teſtyffie that D.E. your ſouldiour beinge deade, or ronne avvaye vvithout lyſence this v. of Marche, as hathe been orderlie approued, is accordinglie entred in my muſter Rolls vvitnes my hande.

Theis ſhalbe to teſtiffie that D. E. your ſouldiour hauinge paſport bearinge date the xviij. Iunie 1587. to retourne before the viij. of Nouember nexte enſuing, is accordingly entred in my muſter Roll, vvitnes my hande.

Theis ſhalbe to teſtiffie that I hauc receaued from the Cōmiſſary reſident of the garriſon of D. E. the muſter Roll of Captain C. whoſe bande is entred into this garriſon of D. this preſente v. of Aprill witnes my hande.

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vnto all Officers, Captaynes, and ſouldiars vppon their entrie in to paye, as alſo at muſters.

VVee doe ſvveare, and promiſe to doe all loyall true, and faythefull ſaruice vnto the *Queene* of Englande her moſte *Excell. Maieſtie*, and vnto the Prouinces, and Citties vnited in theis contries and their aſſociates, vnder the charge and obedience of the righte *Excell.* the Earle of LEYCESTER, Gouuernour Generall, of the ſayd Prouinces, and Citties, and their aſſociates, and of her *Maieſties* Armye and forces vvithin theſame. And all lavvfull and devve obedience vnto theſayd Gouernour, and to anie other Superiour that ſhall haue charge vnder him for gouuernement in this Armye: And further vvee doe promyſe to endevour our ſelves to keepe, and fullfill all ſuche lavvfull Ordinances as his *Excel.* hathe, or ſhall ſett fourthe and eſtabliſhe for the better orderinge of this Armye, aſmuche as concearne[illegible] ſo longe as vve ſhall ſerue vnder him. So helpe vs God, by [illegible]hriſt.

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